

Annual Reports and Accounts

Annual General Meeting

Agenda

THE Marquess of Willingdon, President, will take the Chair at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in the Meeting Room of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, NW1, on Thursday, June 27th, at 6 p.m. At the end of the meeting Philip Wayre will speak about his visit to Taiwan (Formosa) and show a film.

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 1967.
2. Presentation and Discussion of the Accounts and Auditors' Report (see page. 309).
3. Presentation and Discussion of the Annual Report.
4. To consider the subjoined proposed amendments to the Society's Rules, numbers 5 and 8.
5. Election of Officers of the Society.
6. Election of Members to fill vacancies on the Council.
7. Vote of thanks to the Zoological Society of London.

Officers and Council

Council recommend that the following should be elected as Officers of the Society for 1968-69.

President: The Marquess of Willingdon

Chairman of Council: Peter Scott, CBE, DSC

Vice-Chairman of Council: Sir Terence Morrison-Scott, DSC, DSc

Honorary Treasurer: Ian D. Malcolmson, TD

Honorary Secretary: Richard Fitter

Mr Michael Woodford has resigned on taking up an appointment in Uganda, and the following members of Council retire at the annual general meeting and are not eligible for reappointment for one year:

David Attenborough

Lord Craigton

R. C. Morris

The Council has appointed the following to fill these vacancies, and their names are submitted for confirmation:

Sir Berkeley Gage, KCMG

Guy Mountfort

Dr E. B. Worthington

Proposed Amendments to the Rules

Rule 5. In each case where the titles 'President and Treasurer' appear, now to read 'the Officers'.

Rule 8. To read 'The Council shall regulate their meetings as they think fit. The Chairman of Council, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman of Council, shall take the Chair. In their absence the members of Council present shall choose one of their members to be Chairman of the meeting. Five shall be a quorum'.

Annual Report 1967

INCREASING public awareness of the significance of wildlife conservation, highlighted by *causes célèbres* such as Aldabra, have brought an increase in the Society's work, witnessed by the constant flow of correspondence arriving in our office daily from all over the world, often calling for help or advice. Our new panel of FPS consultants has proved invaluable both in bringing in information and warnings and in widening our contacts and improving the usefulness of our work. We now have 63 consultants, 21 of whom were appointed during the year, covering 49 countries.

On the financial side, our main effort continued to be made through the Revolving Fund which we maintain jointly with the World Wildlife Fund (International). The Fund revolved again during the year, and with an additional outlay of £2,519 from the Society's own funds, and £3,781 repaid by the World Wildlife Fund, we were able to aid the following important and urgent wildlife projects: Ceylon Elephant Survey, £2,073; Endangered Wildlife of Madagascar, £1,000; Japanese Crested Ibis (believed to be the rarest bird in the world), £1,000; Javan rhino (purchase of landrover), £400; and Sungei Dusun Reserve, Malaya (purchase of outboard engine for boat needed to protect Sumatran rhino), £177. (A further round of grants was agreed at the January 1968 meeting of Council.)

In addition the Society has supported a wide variety of projects from its general funds: £250 towards visits by the eminent Swedish conservationist, Dr Kai Curry-Lindahl, on behalf of IUCN to the Albert and Upemba national parks in the Congo; £150 towards the cost of the preparation of material relating to rare mammals and birds for the Unesco/FAO Biosphere Conference in September, 1968, by the Canadian zoologist Paul Joslin; £85 to the Wild Life Preservation Society of India to enable copies of its journal *Cheetal* to be sent to schools and other educational institutions; £50 for the relief of wildlife threatened by drought in the Indian state of Bihar; and £50 towards the cost of production of the report of the Informal Conference on Conditions of Transport of Live Birds organised by the British Section of the ICBP in January (copies of this report may be had from the Society, 6s 6d post free).

Donations and Legacies

The Society is once more greatly indebted to the many members who made generous donations to both our general funds and the Revolving Fund. Special mention must be made of 400 Metal Box shares valued at £850 from Dr Peter Nathan, £150 from Mr Ernest Kleinwort, £118 from the Tryon Gallery, proceeds from the sale of catalogues, 100 guineas from Messrs M. K. Kendall Ltd, £50 each from Mr A. M. Jacob, Mrs Spearman (royalties on *Animal Anthology*) and Mr D. A. Gordon (in memory of his uncle, Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell); and £25 from the North Riding Herb Committee. For the fourth year running Josephine and Rosemary Burton held a gymkhana in aid of the Society's funds. This year Sir Terence Morrison-Scott presented the prizes, and £46 was raised. A legacy of £100 from the late Mr D. S. Sorrell was also received.

British Mammals

The Society was particularly active in the field of British mammals this year. We contributed £204 towards the cost of producing the booklet *Predatory Mammals in Great Britain*, published by the Council for Nature on behalf of the members of the Working Party on Mammal Predators (British Field Sports Society, Council for Nature, FPS and Game Research Association). This booklet has been widely circulated and highly praised, and sets a new standard of co-operation between the mammal conservation and game preservation interests.

Following two meetings on seal conservation problems summoned by our member Mr H. G. Hurrell, for which the Society undertook to provide secretarial facilities, the Society invited the Council for Nature to join with it in drawing up agreed heads of legislation on the conservation of both species of British seal. These proposals met with widespread approval, and after the end of the year formed the basis of a Bill introduced into the House of Lords by our Council member, Lord Cranbrook. In addition the Society made a grant of £265 towards the cost of a survey of the seal population in the Wash (mainly common seals), initiated by UFAW (Universities Federation of Animal Welfare).

Towards the end of the year widespread concern was expressed at the apparent decrease in the otter population in many parts of England. As a first step to establish the reality and extent of this decrease, the Society joined with the Council for Nature to invite the Mammal Society to undertake a survey of the status of the otter in the British Isles. The Mammal Society has agreed to do this as a matter of urgency. The Society was also concerned about badgers, and hopes to be able to announce during 1968 a new scheme for avoiding the needless killing of badgers on land where the owners or tenants for some reason do not want them.

Arabian Oryx Herd

Three calves were born to the World Herd at Phoenix Zoo, Arizona, during the year. The first, only the second female to be born to the herd, was born on January 11th to two of the animals presented to the World Wildlife Fund by the Municipality of Riyadh. This calf unfortunately died a still unexplained death on December 16th. The second was a male, born to Lucy and Pat on December 1st, which lived for only about 36 hours. The third, another female and quite healthy, was born to Edith and Pat on December 18th. Under the rules agreed when the herd was established she belongs to the FPS. The Society's share of the Herd at the end of the year comprised five males and three females. A male calf born in August, 1966, which never thrived, died in early January, so the total numbers in the Herd remained at 16, including ten males and six females.

Second East African Tour

The second successful Oryx Tour to East Africa, led by Sir Hugh Elliott and Mr Leslie Brown, visited Uganda and Kenya, with an optional extension to Tanzania. A report of it appeared on page 16 of the April ORYX.

International Meetings

The Hon Secretary attended four meetings of the Survival Service Commission during the year, at Morges in January, July and October, and at Amsterdam in April. During the year the importance of ORYX to the international conservation movement was recognised by the election of the Editor, Mrs M. S. Fitter, as a member of the SSC. The Editor also attended two of the Morges meetings of the Commission. In addition, the Hon Secretary and Editor paid a private visit to Jordan in February, where they were able to make many useful contacts and learn at first hand of the conservation situation there. The article on page 35 of the April ORYX was based on this visit. *En route*, the Hon Secretary and Editor also paid a short visit to Rome for liaison with wildlife experts at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

Representation on Other Bodies

During the year Professor W. H. Thorpe, FRS, and Lt-Col C. L. Boyle continued to represent the Society on the British Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation, and Lt-Col Boyle also on the Oil Pollution Advisory Committee. Mr Anthony Smith and the Hon Secretary represented the Society as observers at the Meeting of the International Whaling Commission in London in June. The Hon Secretary was re-appointed in his personal capacity to the Advisory Committee on the Animals (Restriction of Importation) Act, and was appointed by Council to represent the Society on both the Executive and Management Committee of the Council for Nature. He also represented the Society at a meeting called by the Royal Society to consider the future of Aldabra, a question which was a matter of considerable concern to the FPS until in November the British Government rescinded its decision to develop the atoll as an airfield.

Distinguished Visitors

Distinguished conservationists invited to address Council meetings during the year included Mr E. O. A. Asibey, Chief Game Warden of Ghana, Mr G. T. Corley-Smith, lately HM Ambassador to Ecuador, Major Ian Grimwood, lately Wildlife Consultant to the Government of Peru, and Mr R. C. Willan, lately Chief Conservator of Forests in Nepal.

Meetings of the Society

At the Annual General Meeting on May 25th, Mr Guy Mountfort spoke on 'Conservation in Pakistan', following his first expedition there the previous year. There were four general meetings: on January 26th new films in the Society's library were shown; on September 21st Mr John Owen, Director of National Parks in Tanzania, showed a film of the Serengeti National Park, and Mr Norman Myers gave an illustrated talk on East African conservation problems; on October 24th Dr G. F. Cockbill, Assistant Director of Veterinary Services in Rhodesia, spoke on problems of tsetse control; and on November 7th Mr S. G. Brown and Mr Arthur Bourne spoke on the conservation of whales, and showed a film. The September meeting was preceded by a reunion meeting for members taking part in the Society's East African tours. On October 27th

the Hon Secretary spoke and showed films at a joint meeting of the FPS, the World Wildlife Fund and the Merseyside Naturalists' Association at Liverpool.

Film Library

The Society's film library continued to be widely used, 137 bookings were made during the year. Two new films were added 'Ceylon Wildlife', by C. E. Norris, a silent film with written commentary, purchased with the aid of a donation of £25 from our President, Lord Willingdon; and 'The Silent Watcher', a Look programme of wildlife in the New Forest, purchased from the BBC by kind permission of Mr Eric Ashby.

ORYX

Three issues of ORYX were published, in April, September and December. The September issue was a special (and enlarged) one devoted to the proceedings of the Conference on Zoos and Conservation, organised by the San Diego Zoological Society as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations. The Society acknowledges gratefully a donation of £982 from the San Diego Zoological Society towards the cost of this issue.

Christmas Gifts

Christmas card sales, at 34,468, were nearly 10,000 up on 1966, and we are extremely grateful both to Mr David Shepherd for his fine painting of impala, and to Mr Robert Gillmor for his most attractive badgers in black and white. The new oryx head brooches got off to a flying start with sales of 62 gold and 60 silver. No fewer than 185 oryx ties were sold, and we were once more greatly indebted to the British National Appeal of the World Wildlife Fund for enabling us to sell 898 coffee trays, scatter dishes, and similar items. The Society's first appearance at the Bazaar for Animal Welfare resulted in sales to the value of £60. This impressive sales record could not have been achieved without the hard and devoted work of our office staff to whom we are exceedingly grateful.

Advertising and Propaganda

A new propaganda leaflet, 'Condemned to Die', was issued during the year. This was sent out to every member with a request to use it to get a new member and there is some evidence that this has proved effective. We are indebted to our President, Lord Willingdon, for a handsome contribution of £100 towards the cost of an advertising campaign in *Animals Magazine*.

Membership

During the year 246 new members joined the Society, but owing to the striking off of non-payers for both 1966 and 1967 in the same calendar year, together with a drive to trace 'lost' life members, the net increase was only 32. The Society's total membership at December 31st was 2,386.

The Society records once again its warmest thanks to the Zoological Society of London for providing office accommodation, and for many acts of helpfulness throughout the year.

The Auditors' Report

To the Council and Members of the
Fauna Preservation Society

April 11th, 1968

Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1967

We have completed the audit of the Books and Accounts of the Society for the year ended December 31st, 1967, and report thereon as follows:

General Purposes Account

The balance on this account at the end of the year was £278 15s 5d after transferring £415 from the Life Membership Fund and deducting £222 17s 9d being the excess of Expenditure over Income on the year's working. Donations amounting to £1,272 2s 3d have been credited to this account. In the previous year there was an excess of Expenditure over Income of £600 7s 11d.

General Reserve Fund

Additions to this Fund during the year have been a profit from redemption of an Investment of £118 18s 4d and a donation of £400 Metal Box Ordinary Shares which have been included at the market price at date of receipt. A transfer of £500 has been made towards the expenses of the trip to South America of the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Editor of ORYX. An advance of £2,518 17s 8d has been made to the Revolving Fund, leaving a balance of £5,364 15s 7d.

Life Membership Fund

The balance standing to the credit of the Fund is now £8,465. This is after crediting £650 in respect of Life Membership Subscriptions received during the year and transferring £415 to the General Purposes Account which represents the value of subscriptions of those Life Members whose membership ceased during the year.

Revolving Fund

An advance of £2,518 17s 8d was made to this Fund from General Reserve Fund which, together with donations and other income amounting to £4,180 produced total receipts of £6,698 17s 8d. Grants of £4,650 were made on various projects, leaving £2,048 17s 8d, which together with the balance at January 1st, 1967, of £2,867 18s 9d amounted to £4,916 16s 5d.

Torrey Canyon Fund

A donation of £200 has been credited to this Fund.

Investments

The total investments at December 31st, 1967, at cost amounted to £13,188 19s 11d and the market value at that date was £16,162 0s 1d, showing a net appreciation of £3,043 0s 2d.

Surplus

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £14,308 11s, as compared with £14,731 8s 1d at the end of the previous year.

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BALANCE SHEET,

1966		LIABILITIES		£ s d			£ s d		
£									
641	<i>Sundry Creditors</i>			2,308	9 3
	<i>Receipts in Advance</i>								
204	<i>Subscriptions</i>			231	3 11
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845								2,539	13 2
	<i>Balance, being Excess of Assets over Liabilities:</i>								
	<i>General Reserve Fund</i>								
	Balance at January 1st, 1967	..	..	6,414	14	11			
	Add Profit on Investments	..	..	118	18	4			
	Donation of Investment	850	0	0			
	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	..		500	0	0			
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				7,883	13	3			
	Deduct Advance to Revolving Fund	..		2,518	17	8			
6,415				<hr/>					5,364 15 7
	<i>Life Membership Fund</i>								
	Balance at January 1st, 1967	8,230	0	0			
	Add Fees received during year			650	0	0			
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				8,880	0	0			
	Deduct Transfer to General Purposes Account - Fees of deceased Life Members			415	0	0			
8,230				<hr/>					8,465 0 0
	<i>Torrey Canyon Fund</i>								
	Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	..	..					200	0 0
	<i>General Purposes Account</i>								
	Balance at January 1st, 1967	86	13	2			
	Add Transfer from Life Membership Fund	415	0	0			
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				501	13	2			
	Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	222	17	9			
87				<hr/>					278 15 5
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£15,577								£16,848	4 2
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DECEMBER 31st, 1967

		ASSETS			
1966	£		£	s	d
		<i>Sundry Debtors and payments in advance</i>			
123		Income Tax recoverable on Investments	200	3	8
—		Income Tax recoverable on Deeds of Covenant	566	15	9
217		Others	1,293	12	1
			2,060	11	6
40		<i>Stocks in hand</i>	400	0	0
		(at or under cost)			
—		<i>Office Furniture and Fixtures (not valued)</i>			
		<i>Investments (at cost)</i>			
		£1,320 10s 7d British Gas 3½% Stock 1969/71	1,220	15	11
		£1,046 6s 0d 3½% Conversion Stock 1969	990	5	3
		£2,222 4s 10d 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	1,602	6	8
		£206 5s 0d Guardian Assurance Co. Ltd. Ordinary Shares	2,008	3	3
		£400 Metal Box Ltd. Ordinary Stock	850	0	0
		£728 5s 0d New Investment Co. Ltd. Ordinary Shares	2,165	19	3
		£37 10s 0d Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	962	9	0
		£965 Standard Bank Ltd. £1 Shares	2,636	4	10
		£250 Watney Mann & Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	752	15	9
12,339			13,188	19	11
		<i>Deposits, Balance at Bank and Cash in Hand</i>			
2,858		General Account	1,198	12	9
			£15,577		
			£16,848	4	2

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account, and the Receipts and Payments Account relating to the Revolving Fund, with the books and Accounts of the Society and with the information and explanations supplied and certify them to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank balance and the Investments of the various Funds.

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London EC2
April 11th, 1968

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		GENERAL PURPOSES						
		EXPENDITURE						
1966	£		£	s	d	£	s	d
1,948		To Salaries				2,081	15	6
	300	„ Editor's Honorarium	300	0	0			
	87	„ Do. Expenses	59	9	9			
387			2,428	3	9	359	9	9
		„ Production of Journal (3 Issues) ..						
		„ Postages	339	7	10			
			2,767	11	7			
		Less Donation from San Diego						
		Zoological Society	982	0	5	1,785	11	2
1,742		„ Stationery				217	2	6
171		„ Rent of Offices –						
		Regents Park	250	0	0			
		Less Donation from Zoological						
		Society	250	0	0	—	—	—
297		„ Office & Miscellaneous Expenses ..				355	11	5
177		„ Telephone				216	4	7
11		„ Advertising				259	5	6
62		„ Propaganda Leaflets				279	7	5
251		„ Postages				284	3	8
58		„ Films – Less Handling Charges ..				77	18	0
1,724		„ Miss Clarke's Pension – Premium						
		and Retirement Gratuity ..				—	—	—
		„ Accountancy & Audit –						
		Audit Fee 1967	36	15	0			
		Accountancy 1967 & Special Work	95	15	0			
		Income Tax Claims 1967 ..	26	5	0			
121						158	15	0
263		„ Grants & Subscriptions				856	5	0
		Do. Cost of Printing Tsetse fly						
		report	144	4	2			
		Less Sales	15	0	0			
—						129	4	2
150		„ Secretary's Travelling Allowance				150	0	0
		„ Secretary's Expenses –						
		Attending Meetings of Survival						
		Service Commission of IUCN						
		at: Morges and Amsterdam ..				153	19	1
301		„ Transfer to General Reserve Fund –						
		Provision for Secretary's & Editor's						
		South American visit				500	0	0
—		„ Office Furniture & Fittings ..				145	9	8
40		„ Conservation Conference				—	—	—
<u>£7,703</u>						<u>£8,010</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>

for the year ended **DECEMBER 31st, 1967**

ACCOUNT

1966		INCOME						
£	£		£	s	d	£	s	d
		By Subscriptions -						
	101	Arrears	73	19	6			
	3,451	Current	3,697	2	0			
	781	Tax Recoverable on Covenants for 1966/67	566	15	9			
4,333	<u> </u>		<u>4,337</u>	17	3			
1,216		Donations		1,272	2	3		
		Do. New York Zoological Society (Torrey Canyon Fund) ..	200	0	0			
		Less Transfer to Balance Sheet	200	0	0			
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
709		Interest on Investments (Gross)		683	16	5		
303		Journal - Sales & Advertisements		447	11	2		
	1,035	Christmas Cards - Sales of ..	2,000	11	2			
		Less Cost of Production & Post- age	1,246	15	9			
492	<u>543</u>		<u>753</u>	15	5			
50		Sundry Sales - Net		292	2	2		
<u>7,103</u>			<u>7,787</u>	4	8			
		Balance - Excess of Expenditure over Income, carried to Balance Sheet		222	17	9		

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'REVOLVING' FUNDRECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
TO DECEMBER 31st, 1967

	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Balance at January 1st, 1967 ..				2,867	18	9			
Advance from General Reserve Fund				2,518	17	8			
World Wildlife Fund - Refunds ..				3,781	10	0			
Donations				324	7	2			
Bank Interest				74	2	10			
<i>Grants</i>									
Ceylon Elephant	2,073	0	0						
Madagascar Project	1,000	0	0						
Japanese Crested Ibis	1,000	0	0						
Javan Rhinoceros (Land Rover)	400	0	0						
Sungei Dusun Reserve, Malaya	177	0	0						
							4,650	0	0
Balance at December 31st, 1967							4,916	16	5
				£9,566	16	5	£9,566	16	5

We have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account with the books and accounts of the Fund and certify it to be in accordance therewith.

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